

Jan 12, 2021

Vicki Kinkade
Chief Deputy Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE:)
)
COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 209
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED) (Tenth Amended)
BY COVID-19)

ORDER

On December 15, 2020, the Ninth Amended Administrative Order No. 209 was entered addressing court operations in the Middle District of Tennessee and imposing restrictions through February 28, 2021, due to the exigent circumstances created by the spread of COVID-19.

Regarding civil jury trials, paragraph 4 of the Ninth Amended Administrative Order No. 209 provides as follows:

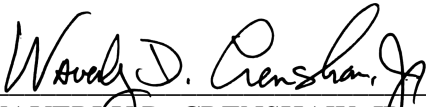
4. Civil jury selections and jury trials scheduled to begin now through February 28, 2021, will proceed as scheduled and will not be automatically continued due to COVID-19, because civil jury trials require fewer jurors, less security, and the ability to easily maintain social distancing. However, based upon the ongoing fluctuation of data, it is possible that civil jury trials will be suspended if the metrics consistently fall below the target goal. Absent an order from the presiding judge, the parties should prepare for civil jury trials as scheduled.

The Court continues to monitor the massive recent spread of the COVID-19 outbreak. More than at any other time during the pandemic, COVID-19 numbers remain serious and continue to fall below the target goal. A public health emergency continues to exist in Nashville, Davidson County, as well as in Tennessee and across the nation that requires restrictive measures to manage the spread of the virus and limit the potential for illness and death. As such, the Court has determined that additional measures must be taken in order to address the Court's concerns regarding public safety in the courthouse.

Accordingly, civil jury trials scheduled to begin between now through February 28, 2021, before any district or magistrate judge in the Middle District of Tennessee, are **CONTINUED** pending further order by the presiding judge in the matter.

All other provisions of the Ninth Amended Administrative Order No. 209 remain in full force and effect.

FOR THE COURT



WAVERLY D. CRENSHAW, JR.
Chief United States District Judge